

REMARKS

Claims 7-12, 20, 22 and 25-31 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. Claims 20, 26 and 29 are allowed. Claims 7, 22 and 25 have been amended herein. These claims emphasize subject matter deemed by the Examiner as allowable over the cited references. Support for these claims can be found in the specification at page 4, lines 24-26; page 14, lines 20-25; and page 16 lines 5-11. Entry of the amendments is respectfully requested since they remove issues in the event of an appeal, do not require further searching, and/or place the subject application in condition for allowance.

Favorable reconsideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments herein.

I. Rejection of Claims 7-12, 22, 25, 27, 28, 30 and 31 Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 7-12, 22, 25, 27, 28, 30 and 31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Blankenship *et al.* (U.S. 6,624,388). This rejection should be withdrawn for at least the following reasons. Independent claims 7, 22 and 25 have been amended herein to recite limitations deemed allowable by the examiner. Accordingly, the rejection of these claims is moot; and withdrawal thereof is requested,

CONCLUSION

The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

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Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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